

REMARKS

In this response, claims 97, 101, 102, 104, 108-113, 117, 120, 121 and 123-125 have been amended, and claims 98-100, 106, 107 and 128-132 have been canceled. No claims have been added in this response. No new matter has been added.

Summary of Final Office Action

Claims 8-22, 25, 27, 37 and 39-49 stand allowed. Claims 107-120, 123 and 125 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 97-106, 121, 122, 124 and 126-132 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) based on Cherry et al. (US Pat. no. 5,629,720).

Comments

All of the rejected claims have been canceled or amended to depend on a claim that was indicated as allowable.

Claim 107 has been rewritten in independent form, by amending independent claim 97 to incorporate the limitations of claims 98, 99, 100, 106 and 107 (now canceled).

Each of claims 117, 120, 123 and 125 has also been rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of any claims on which they depended, either directly or indirectly.

For the foregoing reasons, therefore, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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